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IT is quite evident, despite the formal phraseology of the official communiqué issued at the conclusion of their discussions, that M. Mollet and Sir Anthony Eden did much more during the last two days than reach agreement on Anglo-French tactics to be employed in next week's Security Council debate on the Suez Canal dispute. The indications are that they have inaugurated a new phase of relations between the two countries.

Two highly important decisions were reached: to co-ordinate policies relating to the Middle East, and to co-operate in Africa. Thus implementation is given to the desires expressed earlier this year that traditional Anglo-French rivalries should be brought to an end and the entente cordiale made a live and diplomatic instrument.

For over 40 years the Middle East has been the scene of fierce political rivalry between Britain and France. Now for the first time this century the two powers seemed decided to join hands for the defence of their common interests in this vital area.

THE communiqué also suggests that M. Mollet and Sir Anthony Eden moved towards a closer identity of views on the question of European unity, and that the British Prime Minister is prepared to go further than his original pledge to keep important military forces permanently on the continent in order to "bring Britain into Europe in peace-time." Significantly, in a reference to the need for strengthening political, military and economic co-operation between the nations of Western Europe, the statesmen agreed to study the new forms which this co-operation might take.

But the dominating subject of the Paris discussions was the Suez Canal crisis, and here the communiqué was made interesting by virtue of what it failed to mention, rather than what it said. Strikingly absent was any reference to Anglo-French agreement on what action the two nations intend to take if UN deliberations on the dispute are abortive.

THERE is small chance indeed of any settlement emerging from the Security Council. Russia and Yugoslavia are certain to veto any proposals coming from the Big Three delegates, who will in turn vote against the Egyptian "complaint." Nor does the probability that the issue will then be taken before the General Assembly evoke much confidence that a formula acceptable to the disputants will be hammered out. If such be the case, Britain and France will certainly reserve the right to independent action.

Negotiations based on accepted principles is the desirable solution to the dispute, but it requires more than one party to negotiate and at this moment Col Nasser is in no mood to reach a negotiated agreement on terms even approximating those enunciated in the Dulles plan. Moreover, it is doubtful whether the United Nations will be able to make him do so.

THAT WAR IN INDIA

Russell Spurr reports on a war which Mr Nehru does not want the world to know about — you can read all about it in tomorrow's big feature-packed China Mail.

This report, which tells you how Indian troops are fighting against remote hill tribesmen who burn villages and take scalps, is only one of the highlights of tomorrow's week-end feature section.

Here are some others:

Donald Edgar begins a two-part flashback profile of Baron, the photographer, who died recently;

In Separation good or bad? Eileen Astcroft talks to four couples whose marriages have lasted more than 30 years;

Krishna Menon, the man who loves to talk! what will be his impact on the Suez crisis, by Les Armoir;

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jan Roberts' film reviews, three pages of local and overseas pictures, and special sections for women, children and sportspersons. There are cartoons, comic strips, book reviews, brain-teasers — all in shot drift. — United Press.

THE WEATHER: Fresh, gusty E. winds strong in exposed places, slowly moderating. Cloudy with a few patches of light rain later this afternoon. The strong monsoon signal is still hoisted.

RELAX IN DAKS
THE FAMOUS COMFORT IN ACTION TRUSSELS
Whiteaways

KEAY GETS TWO YEARS

Corruption Charge Upheld FOUR MEN NOT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

William Murray Keay, 54, Superintendent of Mines, was found not guilty of conspiracy, but guilty of corruptly receiving \$25,000 and was sentenced to two years' gaol by Judge W. T. Charles at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The first three accused in the mines conspiracy trial were acquitted of conspiring to enable Keay to receive the bribe and discharged.

They were William Allan Hogarth, 52, chartered accountant and Director of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd; Henry Charles Patterson, 45, Director of H. C. Patterson and Co.; and John Patterson Whitefield, 54, Superintendent of Lights, Marine Department.

In passing sentence, Judge Charles commented that corruption was far too prevalent in the Colony. He said such occasions as this pained him considerably.

CHARGES EXPLAINED

The trial started on August 20 and lasted until September 18, when His Honour reserved his judgment. It attracted considerable public interest throughout. This morning, the Court was full of spectators.

Hogarth, Patterson and Whitefield were represented by Mr J. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart and Mr. C. V. Gittins defended Keay, instructed by Mr. H. Calne, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The Crown was represented by Mr. W. A. Black-Ker, Acting Solicitor General, and Mr. Dermot Rea, Crown Counsel. They were assisted by Mr. T. Kavanagh, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Anti-Corruption).

The reading of the judgment by Judge Charles lasted half an hour. He explained the charges.

The four accused are charged, effect, with having conspired together between January 1, 1950 and June 5, 1950 to enable the fourth accused to receive a bribe of \$25,000 for him exercising his official functions in the Superintendent of Mines in favour of the Bolespie Syndicate in connection with the granting and transfer of mining licence and a prospecting licence.

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d. I am satisfied beyond doubt that the sum was received with the intention of accepting it as the reward alleged.

Heavy Punishment

In mitigation Mr. Gittins said: "The consequences of the conviction of Keay constitute a heavy punishment irrespective of any sentence your Honour may impose."

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FLOODS DESTROY 10,000 HOMES

Calcutta, Sept. 27. Six deaths and the destruction of 10,000 huts by floods, caused by heavy rain, were reported today from Burdwan, a great rice-producing area in West Bengal.

A record 12 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, the report said, and the river Damodar rose 15 feet near Midnapur.

The six deaths occurred when a flood-weakened house collapsed and the huts were destroyed in various refugee colonies, the reports said.

Heavy damage to crops in the Nadia and Jamar districts was reported, and rail communication between parts of West Bengal and North Bengal was disrupted. — United Press.

QUEEN'S SURGEON KILLED

London, Sept. 27. Sir William Gilliat, surgeon and gynaecologist to Her Majesty the Queen, was killed tonight in a car accident.

He was 72.

Sir William was present at the birth of both Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

He was alone in his car when it collided with a truck in Chelmsford, Essex, about 20 miles south-west of London.

Sir William also attended the Duchess of Kent when the present Duke was born in 1935. — United Press.

Bomb Explodes, Seven hurt

Nicosia, Sept. 27. A time bomb wounded seven soldiers when it exploded in a corridor at Wayne's Keep camp here today. The explosion followed close on the bombing of Peka, described as the extremist wing of Eoka.

The police held off attacks until their ammunition gave

Department. He had put the Department of Mining in Hong Kong on its feet. It was mainly due to Keay that the Mining Department had been earning revenue for the Colony in the last few years and it was mainly due to Keay that most of the illicit mining in the Colony had been checked. The present Mining Ordinance and Regulations were mainly Keay's work.

The accused had served in both World Wars, continued Mr. Gittins. He joined up in World War I still under age. In World War II he was called up in 1938 in the Searchlight Regiment as Captain. In 1939 he was Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy in combined operations and in 1943 he was commissioned as Engineering Lieutenant and served in major landing craft, and in 1944 he took part in D Day landings in Normandy. Keay also took part in major landings in the Middle East and Far East.

But there was speculation it might have to do with:

★ President Eisenhower's forthcoming decision on October 10 whether to continue American aid to Yugoslavia. Tito needs it, or a substitute as all he could to help the Khrushchev current.

Stalin and all he stood for is hated by Yugoslav leaders, who think of their expulsion from the Cominform in 1948 as

road or whether the clock should be put back towards Socialism.

Inside the Soviet Union itself, these two currents could be personified in the figures of Mr. Khrushchev and the Vice-Premier, Mr. Molotov. It was

said he was big enough for Yugoslavia to be willing to run the risk of forgoing United States economic aid. Observers regarded President Tito's unscheduled flight to Russia as bound to arouse an unfavourable impression among Americans.

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Going To Rest'

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Marshal Tito and Mr. Khrushchev were going to the Black Sea to "rest".

There was no indication of the real purpose of the hurried trip in official circles in Belgrade, London or other Western capitals.

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Growing reports of new

differences between

Soviet Communism and Marshal Tito's.

Criticism has been voiced on both sides since

the two Communist parties

pledged co-operation last June

20 during Marshal Tito's trip to Moscow.

A joint stand on the Suez

crisis, Yugoslavia, though

pledged to neutrality, has a seat

in the United Nations Security

Council where the Suez

dispute is now being debated.

Some internal crisis in

Russia might have

brought on Mr. Khrushchev's

trip in an attempt to enlist

Marshal Tito as witness that

the new post-Stalin policy is

paying off.

Fundamental Issues

John Earle, China Mail special

correspondent in Bragade, said

fundamental issues affecting the

future course of Communism; de-

velopment were seen in usually

well informed circles here as

motivating the surprise flight of

Marshal Tito to the Soviet Union

near Mr. Khrushchev.

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the world to lay down their arms

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of the Malayan Communist Party

to tell them that terrorists

could have a subsistence allowance

of \$100 a month for 12 months if they agreed to

return to China.

"I would recommend 'pocket

money' to get them away and

would send them back to China

as soon as all of them laid down

their arms." — Reuter.

REAL PINCH

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and have to appeal to the outside world to finish the war by

providing them with better surrenders terms."

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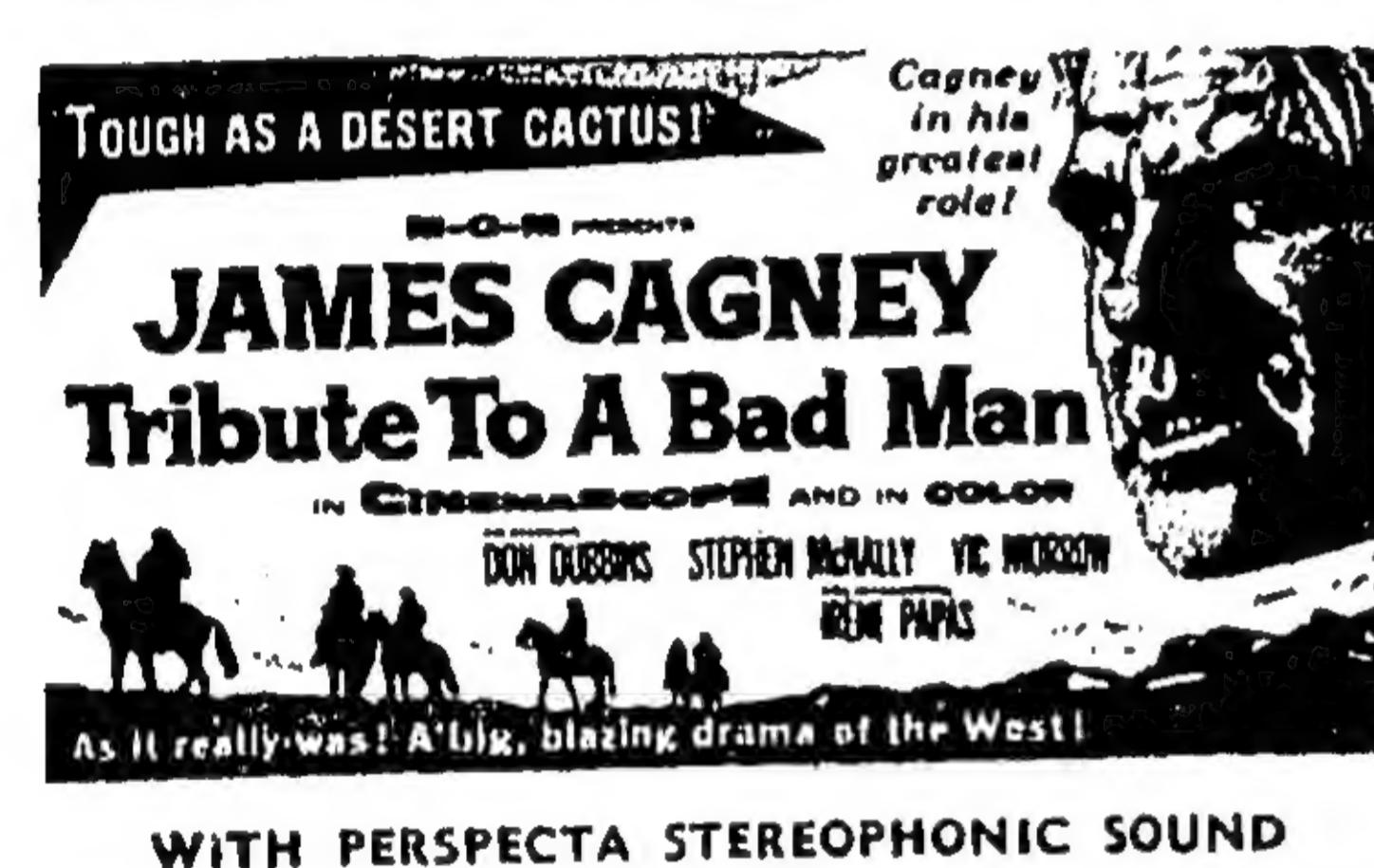
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Rhine Wine
For Royalty

On the second day of their official visit to West Germany, King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece visited the Rhine. Photo shows: In the County office of Rudesheim, Queen Frederica and King Paul were presented with a drink of welcome by Germany's wine-queen—Annamarie Michel.—Express Photo.

Republicans Hit
Back At
Dean Acheson

Washington, Sept. 27. Mr Leonard Hall, Chairman of the Republican Party National Committee, today struck back in a communique at former Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, who yesterday supported the Democratic presidential nominee, Adlai Stevenson, and attacked President Eisenhower's foreign policy.

The communique said: "The name Dean Acheson is connected in the minds of Americans with Korea."

"On January 12, 1950, Acheson, as Secretary of State, publicly left the Republic of Korea outside our defence perimeter."

"On June 25, 1950, the Communists launched an attack on South Korea. Americans

remember the costly stalemate which ensued. Acheson and former President Truman were unable to get a peace."

Stalemate

The communique continued: "Thousands upon thousands of American youngsters were killed, maimed and wounded. President Eisenhower ended the Korean stalemate without the Communists gaining one foot of ground."

"Adlai Stevenson served for three years in the State Department with Dean Acheson. I think it is fair to ask Adlai Stevenson whether he would choose Dean Acheson as his Secretary of State," the communique concluded.—France Presse.

ANGRY SCENE AT POZNAN TRIAL

Armed Police Cordon Off Streets To Court

COPPER BELT NOW NORMAL

Salisbury, Sept. 27. The labour situation on the Northern Rhodesian copper belt was normal after nearly three months of labour unrest.

A Chamber of Mines spokesman said there was full turnout of African workers at Roan Antelope Mine which was the only mine where all workers had not returned. They remained on strike after the call by the Union President to return, until now.

Now that the situation is back to normal the Supreme Council of the Northern Rhodesian African Mineworkers Union is to meet in Kitwe today for the first time since the state of emergency was declared.

A Government-appointed commission to look into the causes of labour unrest will meet for the first time in Kitwe tomorrow.

The present state of unrest started in the beginning of July when mining companies said they would not pay daily any staff or supervisory grade African. This took them out of the union's control and the union thought this move was to weaken its power. — China Mail Special.

SHOUTING CROWD PUSHED BACK

By SIDNEY TAYLOR

Poznan, Sept. 27. A "sadistic" crowd in the Poznan bread riots forced a police corporal on to spiked railings, and prevented a doctor from helping the dying man, one of the accused told the court when the trials of 154 men for murder and other crimes opened here today.

Radio Station To Track Satellites

Washington, Sept. 27. The first radio station that will be used to track the earth satellite vehicle has been set up 40 miles south of the capital at Blossom Point, Maryland, the Navy announced today.

UPROAR IN CANBERRA

Cantberra, Sept. 27. Senator George Hume provoked an uproar in the Senate today when he asked if Melbourne's military actions would be pro tested during the Olympic games when Russian women athletes would be in Australia for the first time.

He referred to the current international incident caused when Soviet aircraft threw down anti-Ponaryev was charged with shooting five bats in London.

Leader of the Senate Senator Ned O'Sullivan, said the question would be referred to External Affairs Minister Richard G. Casey. — United Press.

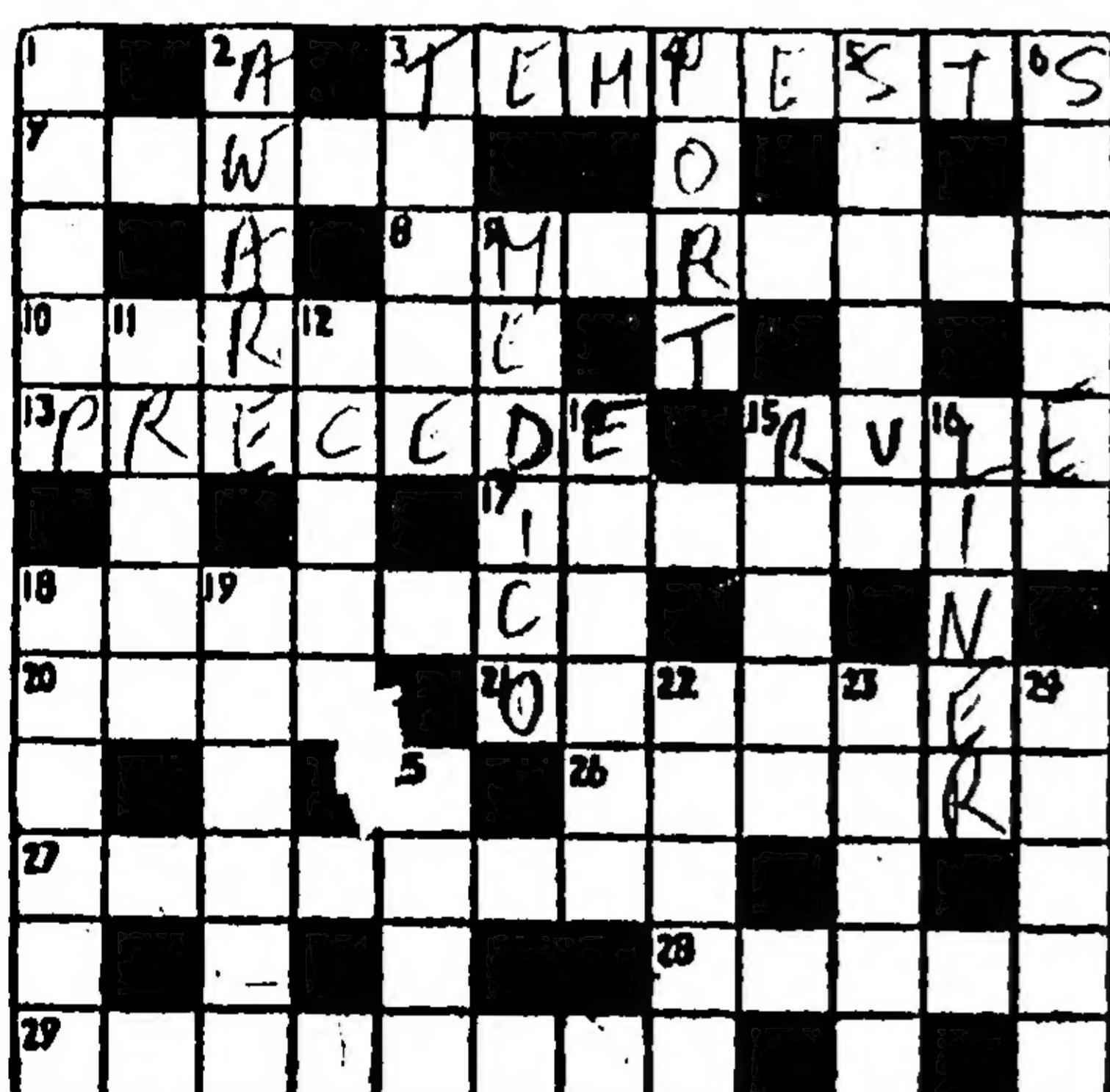
US POLITICAL WRITER DIES

Miami, Sept. 27. Muir Oliver Peck Newman, 70, former United Press political writer, died here last night.

He had been in a serious condition at the Miami Heart Institute for the last two weeks.

Newman began his reporting career with the Washington Post in 1901 and gained a national reputation for his coverage for United Press of Woodrow Wilson's 1911 presidential campaign. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Storms (6).
- 7 Dement (5).
- 8 Gets better (8).
- 10 Abrade (6).
- 13 Go before (7).
- 15 Reign (4).
- 17 Meantime (7).
- 18 Withdraw (7).
- 20 Vivacity (4).
- 21 Wise utterances (7).
- 22 Complete (9).
- 27 Kept (8).
- 28 Heppering (8).
- 29 Flies of temper (8).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Spread; 5 Daubs, 8 Mirem, 9 Assail, 10 Lucid, 11 Dunci, 12 Fool, 13 Tease, 14 Delays, 15 Erased, 20 Does, 23 Mess, 23 Shirt, 25 Mecca, 26 Nimble, 27 Urged, 28 Tamed, 29 Decent, 30 Down, 1 Started, 2 Restores, 3 Aim, 4 Diluted, 5 Dilated, 6 Amulet, 7 Bliss, 14 Resemble, 15 Exist, 16 Dastard, 17 Learned, 19 Rescue, 21 Opera, 24 Tide.

DOWN

- 1 Clutch (5).
- 2 Conscious of (5).
- 3 Colloquial nonsense (5).
- 4 Wine (4).
- 5 Taste (6).
- 6 Method (6).
- 7 Doctor (6).
- 8 Angler's basket (6).
- 9 Seed of oak (6).
- 10 Freedom of access (6).
- 11 Respond to stimulus (6).
- 12 Passenger ship (6).
- 13 Retr (6).
- 14 Plaid (6).
- 15 Mountain range (6).
- 16 Invigorate (5).
- 17 Facions (5).
- 18 Rank (6).

Denied Allegations

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Polynowicz, sitting next but one to Zurek with a militiaman between, denied these allegations.

Prefers Cigars



Mrs Lis Groes, the Danish Minister of Trade, enjoys a smoke and like many other Danish women she prefers a good cigar rather than a cigarette, and she is seen here having her cigar lit for her by Mr Jorgen Zedeler, director of Technical Institute during celebrations which marked the 50th anniversary of the Institute, in Copenhagen.—Express Photo.

APPEAL TO REFUGEES:

COME HOME TO E. GERMANY

Berlin, Sept. 27. The East German Government today invited "those who fled from the German Democratic Republic" to West Germany to return to their homes and assured them they would not be harmed.

Joined Crowds

Urbanek said he joined the crowds on the city square out of curiosity when he saw people gathering there.

He took part in a raid on the goal because people said trade union delegates were held there.

In Poznan homes, offices and shops this afternoon radio sets to listen to a continuous broadcast of tape recordings of today's court proceedings.

Several hundred people gathered in groups in a sunlit square about 200 yards from the court building.

Microphones and arclights stood around the courtroom and photographers moved close to the judges and accused taking pictures as the hearing went on.

The indictment before both courts place part of the blame for the riots on "imperialists" and "capitalists" propaganda.

The murder charge indictment said: "It was clear during the Poznan events that abnormal and adventurous elements in Poland had to a certain degree come under the influence of the propaganda of capitalist radio stations."

On the railway bridge he heard someone shout that a security man had murdered a woman and two children.

He saw between 50 and 100 people around the man, who three times got away only to be captured again.

There was blood on his face. He tried to get on a passing tramcar.

Four or five men dragged him off, minus his uniform jacket and wrist watch.

The officer then made a break towards the station but was seized by the hands and legs and put on a spiked fence. He got off, made for a station platform and tried to find shelter in a railway compartment.

Zurek said he then struck him, though the officer was weak and bleeding.

Mocked Doctor

The officer was dragged across the railway lines. Sroka was kicking him all over the body. Then, in mockery of a doctor, he started lifting the officer's eyelids. Finally he dropped a lighted cigarette in the injured man's open mouth.

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FAREWELL TO AMBASSADOR

London, Sept. 27. The Marquis of Reading, Minister of State, Foreign Office, gave a luncheon in honour of the departing Indonesian Ambassador, Mr Raden Supomo.

Among the guests were Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, High Commissioner in London, Mr Kenneth Younger, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, and Mr Denis Allen, Director of South East Asian Affairs. — Franco-Press.

Influenced

It said these radio stations were trying to stir up hate among Polish security organs and to undermine confidence in them.

The indictment against the nine men accused of stealing arms and attacking public buildings said they had been influenced by radio propaganda and leaflets distributed by imperialist centres. — China Mail Special.

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Dancing Lessons For German Officers

Hanover, Sept. 27. YOUNG German officer cadets are to start having dancing lessons this autumn as part of their training as junior leaders of West Germany's new armed forces.

Social accomplishments have their place alongside the military and technical at the officers' school here, which is already training the first group of 800 cadets.

The potential officers will also be taught English and French in view of the new army's ties with the Atlantic alliance.

So far, the Army has 47,000 of the 60,000 officers and men which it is scheduled to have by the end of this year.

There has been no shortage in the supply of senior officers, but the forces are faced with a dearth of young cadets.

The school has now already received 1,000 applicants for the 1957 intake.

For the posts of first and second lieutenants,

EQUAL FUNCTIONAL ROLE WANTED FOR A-AGENCY

New York, Sept. 27. Mr M. H. Werhof, the Canadian delegate to the 81-nation atoms-for-peace conference here, today called for an international "atoms-for-peace agency" in which all members big and small would in principle have an equal functional role.

"My government considers that all members should enter the agency expecting to make contributions to it in one form or another and to derive benefits from it," he said.

Mr Werhof noted that in some cases the contribution would be greater than the direct benefits received, while in other cases, the reverse would be true.

Differences

"Nevertheless there will be differences of degree. The agency should not operate in such a way that certain members are considered solely as contributors and others solely as recipients."

"We consider that the agency should work on a co-operative basis, as in a partnership, to which each member brings something and from which each member derives something," he said.

Mr Felixiberto Serrano, leader of the Philippines delegation called for broadening of "the democratic basis" of the proposed governing board. He said there was "an obvious imbalance of power" between board and conference.

He noted that of the 23 governors the conference was to elect only ten.

Mr Serrano also urged that the conference should have broad policy powers on all matters concerning the agency rather than "purely recommendations."

Inverted Pyramid

"In the way we thus discern the pattern of relations between board of governors and the general conference, we believe it presents a case of an inverted pyramid." Mr Serrano went on. "It is also a case of the creature becoming more powerful than the creator."

Mr Thanat Khoman, Thailand's permanent delegate to the United Nations, said it seemed to be generally accepted that there need be no monopoly in technical and scientific knowledge or the possession of atomic materials.

"In consequence," he said, "those nations which may join the agency today as receivers may become tomorrow, or in the near future, contributors. In other words, all of us, even the least developed areas, should be looked upon not as perennial recipient nations but as eventual contributors to the agency."

Supplier

Thailand herself would do all in her power to develop into a contributing nation, not immediately in technical knowledge but in the supply of source material, Mr Khoman said.

Nixon, in a speech at Louisville University, declared that the main objective of the Republican Administration was to translate "the American dream" of giving equal opportunity to all citizens without distinction based on race, religion or colour.

The Vice-President said the United States could not permit itself to pay the moral and economic price of racial discrimination "against 17,000,000 Negroes." He said that racial prejudice cost the United States billions of dollars each year. — France-Press.

Saudi Dollar Aid For Egyptians

Cairo, Sept. 27. The Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Egypt, Abdallah Ibrahim Fadi, announced today that his country was ready to pay for its purchases in Egypt in American dollars.

The Ambassador made the announcement following a meeting with the Egyptian Finance Minister, Abd el Monem el Kassasbeh.

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CUMMINGS' FRIGHTFUL NIGHTMARE

IS "IKE" HOOVER MOVING TO HEAD A POLICE STATE?

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, heavy-set, splay-nosed, gang-busting boss of the G-men, rides an electric horse and spends many of his evenings reading the American Journal of Philosophy.

At 60, he is not very different in appearance, outlook or habit from the bustling youth of 29 who took over the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1924.

The electric horse and the philosophical journals characterise his cardinal creeds for the G-man - the G-man must be fit and he must keep his mind alert.

Every federal agent is required to exercise in a gymnasium every day except when he is on a case which would render impracticable knocking-off for official exercise. Higher officials of the FBI are required to exercise only three times a week. Hoover includes himself among those to whom the rule applies - hence the electric horse.

Mental illness (Hoover refers to it as the unfit) and his critics also suffer from "mental hallucinations"; he considers even more important. Every FBI agent must have either a law degree or professional accounting qualifications. Professional accountants are necessary - the FBI's original business was mainly the enforcement of the federal anti-trust laws and similar financial legislation.

His imprint

ALL this was Hoover's personal doing. In fact, Hoover really built the FBI, and every segment of its now sprawling operation bears his imprint.

Even now, every G-man across the country knows when Hoover is away. The clatter of teletype messages from headquarters slows down and memos lose much of their brisk precision and urgency.

To the public, Hoover is the FBI. His name and his picture are as familiar as those of the President, Marilyn Monroe and the summer's baseball heroes.

Small boys wear mock G-man badges, and consider Hoover a more heroic figure than Davy Crockett or any engine driver.

The FBI, moreover, is a power regarded as sinister by many, with pride by some, and with fear by criminals and by many.

Hoover has always been suspected by intellectuals and liberals and, in an age characterised by suspicion bordering at times on a national hysteria, the man and his work have become a major issue.

It has even been suggested that, should Eisenhower retire, Hoover might be nominated for President. There is no doubt that he would poll a lot of votes. Equally, however, there is no doubt that he would refuse to enter politics.

He has always been a civil servant, as his father before him was a civil servant. His father died not long after Hoover left high school, and Edgar turned down a scholarship to the University of Virginia because he couldn't afford to take it up.

Hard work

INSTEAD, he became a government clerk and attended George Washington University by night. He graduated in law and joined the Department of Justice.

His passion for detailed hard work attracted the attention of Attorney-General Palmer who, in 1918, launched his now infamous assault on American radicals. Under the authority of the swooping sedition act passed hurriedly when the U.S. plunged into World War I, Palmer determined to "clean up" the country.

Hoover, Palmer thought, was just the man he needed. He appointed him (though he was then only 24) Special Assistant Attorney-General in charge of the prosecutions.

Actually, the affair didn't turn quite as Palmer expected.

More than 6,000 people were arrested and often held for days



without even being told what the charges against them were. Everybody would have thought he was a crook or a deadbeat.

Hoover sacked a big slice of the staff after he got an insurance from Attorney-General Harlan Stone (later a U.S. Chief Justice) that the bureau would henceforth be non-political.

He tightened up the qualifications for employment as a federal agent, rebuilt its sub-bureaus across the country.

About that time, the U.S. was plunging headlong into a wave of racketeering which ushered in what, in many cities, became a reign of terror. The gangsters often had a powerful hold on local politicians and, so, on local law enforcement agencies.

In addition, the advent of the automobile and super-highways had made crime much more difficult to contain within state boundaries. At that time, the federal police had almost no jurisdiction, no powers of arrest, and no authorisation to carry arms.

Gradually, the FBI's powers increased until in 1932 the Department of Justice drew up 21 bills to enable the Bureau to make a major war on national crime. It now has powers to deal with kidnapping, bribery, extortion, federal prison escapes, and a host of other offences ranging downwards to violations of the migratory bird laws.

The biggest extension of the Bureau's powers, however, came

about through Hoover's own efforts. He established the nation's first functioning criminal identification system. The system became indispensable to local police authorities and, as a result, the FBI came to have a hand in most major criminal investigations in the country.

On the whole, the FBI operates with local police much as Britain's Scotland Yard operates on major hunts with local police organisations.

Hoover has often been attacked for unnecessarily seeking publicity for the FBI and, at times, usurping authority of local police forces.

The public, however, is a matter of dire necessity in a country where politics constantly threatens to impinge on the civil service. Only by consciously making the voters proud of the FBI can it hope to force the politicians to honour Harlan Stone's pledge and stay out.

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THE GREAT SCHOOLS CRISIS IN BRITAIN

By JOHN McKENNA

London. Ridings is short. Hull, Walsall, Leeds, Larkhamshire and West Bromwich are on the verge of crisis.

Nearly half the children in British schools found themselves in classes bigger than the prescribed size.

In some places, curiously, there was a teacher surplus, notably in Wales.

Indeed, taken as an overall figure, there are 249,000 teachers for the country's 300,000 school children—or one teacher for every 20.

But not every teacher is qualified, of course, to do every job to the figure, in fact, is misleading.

Since 1951, the position has been getting worse, despite the immense increase in the supply of teachers.

Liverpool is short. Yorkshire, West

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RUGGER FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON

Nearly every ruggerite in the Colony is waiting expectantly on the fixture-list for this year, and that they have had to wait longer than usual is no fault of the organisers, for they hoped to have it printed and issued last week, but due to technical trouble it will not be issued until the week-end.

This is too late for most players who would like to see who their opponents are in the near future and assess their chances for the season, during the week-end.

Here is the complete fixture list with full details. As usual it is possible that some of these details will be altered later on in the season, but any alterations will, so far as it is possible, be consistent with decisions, be carried in this column.

FIXTURES

Oct. 13th: 40 Brig. v RAF Mainland, Kai Tak, 3.10 p.m.; Police v R.A.F. 1st-nd, Kai Tak, 4.30 p.m.; 27 Brig., Navy, Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1) v Club "B", Happy Valley, 3.15 p.m.; 27 Brig. v Club "A", Boundary St., 3.10 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v Club "A", Boundary St., 3 p.m.; Combined Civilians v Army Club, 3.30 p.m.

Oct. 20th: RAF Mainland v Club "A", Happy Valley, 3.00 p.m.; Police v Club "B", RAF Island Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.; 27 Brig. v Club "B", Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; Police v HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Oct. 27th: Club "A" v Club "B", Club "A", Happy Valley, 3.00 p.m.; 27 Brig., Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Oct. 4th: HK & K Garrison (1), Club "A", Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; Navy v Police, Club 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland v Club "B", Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.; Police v RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Oct. 11th: HK & K Garrison (1), Club "A", Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; Navy v Police, Club 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland v Club "B", Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.; Police v RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Oct. 18th: RAF Island v RAF Mainland, Kai Tak, 3.30 p.m.; Police v Club "B", Kai Tak, 4.30 p.m.; Navy v RAF Island Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.; 27 Brig. v HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Oct. 25th: Club "A" v Club "B", Club "A", Happy Valley, 3.00 p.m.; 27 Brig., Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Nov. 1st: RAF Island v RAF Mainland, Kai Tak, 3.30 p.m.; Police v Club "B", Kai Tak, 4.30 p.m.; Navy v Police, Club 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland v Club "A", Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.; Police v RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Nov. 8th: RAF Island v RAF Mainland, Kai Tak, 3.30 p.m.; Police v Club "B", Kai Tak, 4.30 p.m.; Navy v Police, Club 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland v Club "A", Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.; Police v RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Nov. 15th: Club "A" v Club "B", Club "A", Happy Valley, 3.00 p.m.; 27 Brig., Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Nov. 22nd: Club "A" v Club "B", Club "A", Happy Valley, 3.00 p.m.; 27 Brig., Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; RAF Mainland, Boundary St., 3.15 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Nov. 29th: Club "A" v Navy Club, 3.00 p.m.; Club "B" v Police Club, 3.10 p.m.; RAF Mainland v HK & K Garrison (M) Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; RAF Island v HK & K Garrison (1), Kai Tak, 4.15 p.m.; 27 Brig. v Club "A", Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (1), Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.; HK & K Garrison (M) v RAF Island, 3.00 p.m.

Dec. 6th: RAF v Police, Army S, Navy, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; Army N v Club, Kai Tak, 4.15 p.m.

Dec. 13th: Army S v Rest Club, 6.30 p.m.

Dec. 20th: Navy v Club, Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; Police v Army S Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.; RAF v Army N, Kai Tak, 4.15 p.m.

Dec. 27th: Army N v Army S, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; Club v RAF Club, 4.15 p.m.; Navy v Police Club, 3.00 p.m.

Dec. 29th: Police v Club, Police Boundary St., 3.30 p.m.; RAF v Army S, Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.; Army N v Navy, Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.

Jan. 5th: Club v Police, Boundary St., 3 p.m.; Navy v Army S, Boundary St., 4.15 p.m.; Army N v RAF, Sookung, 4.15 p.m.

Jan. 12th: Rest of Colony v Rest of Services, Club, 3 p.m.; RAF v Club "X" V. Hon. M. W. Turner's XV Club, 4.15 p.m.

Jan. 19th: Club v Navy, Kai Tak, 3.30 p.m.; Army N v Army S Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; Police v RAF, Boundary St., 4.15 p.m.

Jan. 26th: Navy v Army N, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; RAF v Club, Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.; Army S v Police, Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.

Feb. 2nd: Army S Club v Army N, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; RAF v Navy, Kai Tak, 3.00 p.m.

Feb. 9th: Club v Army N, Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.; Police v Army N, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; Army S v RAF, Police Boundary St., 4.15 p.m.

Feb. 16th: Club v Wayfaring Club, 4.00 p.m.

Feb. 23rd: Over 25s v Under 25s Club, 6.30 p.m.

Feb. 2nd: Army S Club v Army N, Boundary St., 4.15 p.m.; Police v Army N, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; Army S v Police, Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.

Feb. 9th: Club v Army N, Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.; Police v Army N, Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.; Army S v RAF, Police Boundary St., 4.15 p.m.

Feb. 16th: Club v Wayfaring Club, 4.00 p.m.

Feb. 23rd: Combined Services, v Combined Civilians, Club, 6.30 p.m.

Mar. 5th: Colony 7 a-sides, Club, (to be notified later); Mar. 6th: Colony 7 a-sides, Club, (to be notified later).

Mar. 7th: Colony 7 a-sides, Club, (to be notified later).

Mar. 8th: Colony 7 a-sides, Club, 2.00 p.m.

And so ends the season. For further information and details of tomorrow's games see tomorrow's China Mail.

Davis Cup Inter-Zone Match Starts Today

Forest Hills, N.Y., Sept. 27. Hamilton Richardson, who says he can play despite a sore foot, was pitted against Nicola Pietrangeli and Vic Seixas against Orlando Sirola in today's draw for the opening matches tomorrow of the U.S. vs Italy Inter-Zone Davis Cup tennis series.

Richardson has a pulled muscle in his right foot, but after treatment by a doctor today he said he expected to play. The team captain, Bill Tuber, went ahead with his plans after ascertaining from the official referee, Don McNeill, that if Richardson's injury worsens overnight he can use either Sammy Glammariva or Mike Green in Ham's place.

However, if Richardson starts the match, he must finish or default.

The Richardson - Pietrangeli match was scheduled first, for 1.30 p.m. EDT, to be followed by the Sirola-Seixas contest. The men will switch opponents for Sunday's last two singles, with Pietrangeli meeting Seixas in the first match.

Saturday's doubles team will not be named until after Friday's singles, but probably will match the same four players.

The U.S. was a solid favourite, since 33-year-old Seixas is a former Wimbledon and U.S. champion and 23-year-old Richardson is well above the Italians in world ranking.

The winners will meet India, the Eastern Zone Champions, for the right to challenge Australia for the Cup.—United Press.

HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Sept. 27. Results of tonight's English Football League matches were:

League Three South

Newport C. v Crystal Palace 3

Walsall v Bournemouth 3

League Three North

Scunthorpe U. v Crewe Alex. 1

Inter-League Match

Scottish Football League 3

Football League of Ireland 1

played at Shawfield Park

Glasgow.

Div. III (South)

Brighton v Gillington 2

Ridings v Shrewsbury U. 2

Portsmouth v Shrewsbury (N) 2

Cheltenham v Bournemouth 1

Brockville v Bournemouth 1

Workington v Bournemouth 1

Div. III (North)

3 York City 2

Derby County 2

2 Gateshead 1

Hartlepool v Bournemouth 1

Div. IV (South)

2 Aldershot 2

Brentford 2

Wimborne 2

Stoke-on-Trent 2

Div. IV (North)

2 Chester 2

2 Darlington 2

2 Hartlepool 2

2 Macclesfield 2

2 Rotherham 2

2 Stockport 2

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2 Wigan 2

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NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Annual General Meeting
of Voting Members will
be held at the Club House,
Happy Valley, on Friday, 28th
September, 1956, at 5.45 p.m.
for the purposes of:

- Receiving the reports of
the Clerk of the Course
and the Stewards.
- Considering, and if
thought fit, passing the
Accounts for the period 1st
April, 1956 to 30th June,
1956.
- Confirming the following
amendments to the Rules
of Racing:-
- Rules Nos. 122A, 123, 124,
125(i) and 125(ii) Amendments
dated 27th September,
1956.
- Rule No. 31. Amendment
dated 7th July, 1956.
- Appointing Auditors for
the ensuing year.
- Electing Stewards for the
ensuing year.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue. They are invited to forward to the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting is due to take place, any matters which they may wish to bring up for discussion.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Sept., 1956.

NOTICE

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

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GIVEN that an Interim
Dividend of £1.00 per share
has been declared on account
of the year 1956.

This Dividend is payable
on or after 20th November,
1956.

The SHARE TRANSFER
BOOKS of the Society will
be closed from 10th November
to 19th November, 1956
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
D. B. SINCLAIR,
Assistant-General Manager,
Hong Kong, 27th Sept., 1956.

Mid East Tension Spotlights US Air Force Base GROWING IMPORTANCE OF WHEELUS FIELD IN LIBYA

Tripoli, Libya, Sept. 27.
Rising tension in the Middle East has stressed the importance of the United States Air Force's giant Wheelus Field here.

The base was leased from the British Administration in Libya eight years ago. When the nation gained its independence under King Idris I, in 1951, a new agreement was made continuing the lease.

Wheelus, named after Lieut. Richard Wheelus, an Air Transport Command pilot killed in Persia in 1945, has become one of the Air Force's largest bases in the world. It has nearly 700 permanent buildings and 10 miles of perimeter walls enclosing what was a car racing track in the days of Mussolini's colonial empire.

GREAT STRAIN

It is estimated that an aeroplane takes off or lands about every 45 seconds during daylight hours, so great is the strain on control tower officers that they are not allowed to remain on duty for more than two hours at a time.

The importance of Wheelus as a transport maintenance and training base was increased by the transfer here recently of the 17th United States Air Forces from its former headquarters at Rabat, in French Morocco.

The 17th Air Force, commanded by Brigadier General Richard J. O'Keefe of Brooklyn, New York, plays a vital strategic role in the Mediterranean area—an area of responsibility roughly equivalent to that of the United States Sixth Fleet, which is based in Mediterranean.

The fighters, bombers and transport aircraft of the 17th

Air Force, together with the 3rd Air Force based in England and the 12th Air Force in Germany, are under the overall command of Lieutenant-General William H. Turner, Commander-in-Chief, United States Air Forces in Europe.

ONE MAIN TASK

The function of Wheelus Field as part of this organization is summed up by base commander, Colonel William F. Crane, Jr., of Bayonne, New Jersey, as "upport." One of its main tasks is to provide facilities for tactical units of the United States Air Forces in Europe who come here for battle training in the bombing and gunnery ranges which are maintained in the Libyan desert.

There are also large repair workshops and the headquarters of specialised units such as weather, security and air-sea rescue services.

Like the British, who maintain Army as well as Air Force bases in Libya, the Americans have had to agree to limit the number of United States military personnel employed at Wheelus. The "ceiling" limit is secret, as is also that of the British, but it is believed that the Libyans have set the figure at about 10,000.

LIBYANS EMPLOYED

Official United States Air Force sources here say that there are about 8,000 Air Force men at present at Wheelus with a total of some 3,500 wives and children.

In addition, a number of Libyans varying between 1,000 and 2,000 are employed at the base, some on a permanent basis in canteens and restaurants, and some on construction projects such as the building of a new primary school for the American children.

The Wheelus base plays a vital part in the Libyan economy. Together with the payments made by the British for their military facilities, the money spent by the United States here transforms the nation's adverse trading balance into a comfortable credit balance.

The United States pays Libya 4,000,000 dollars (about £1,400,000) a year for the rights on the base. This year, this sum has been supplemented by an additional 6,000,000 dollars (about £1,700,000) and next year, subject to Congressional approval, an extra 7,000,000 dollars (about £2,700,000) is expected to be paid.

CURRENCY CONVERTED

In addition, it is estimated that in the past two years just under 10,000,000 dollars (about £3,400,000) in United States currency was converted into Libyan currency on the base for the payment of rents and local purchases.

Tripoli landlords have been able to charge high rents to American families, for the base is just outside the city and housing facilities are limited on the fast-growing installation.

More and more permanent houses are being built at Wheelus for the families. As a stop-gap measure the base authorities have imported from Europe several hundred trailer homes completely fitted with furniture, oil-heating installations and electrical and toilet fittings.

Airmen and their families are now fitting these trailers with air-conditioning apparatus and installing television sets to receive the programmes which the base station sends out mainly from "canned" material.

GIVEN BOOKLET

This television station, combined with shops, schools, hospitals, car service stations, tailors and even a branch of the University, of Maryland make Wheelus a self-contained city, almost a "United States oasis."

Special attention is paid, however, by the base authorities to ensure that the persons living and working at Wheelus should not be so attached to their own American customs that they do not know how to behave with the Libyans.

Each person who arrives on the base is immediately given a booklet describing Libya and the base. This contains the warning that "your actions here

will have a continued effect long after you have rotated." (i.e. gone away).

The booklet gives advice on such things as driving ("exercise caution and patience"), hiring servants ("the Air Police will quickly run a background check for you") and clothing ("Local custom prevents the wearing of shorts, jeans and pedal-pushers by adult women in public").

Then, a few weeks after arrival, all families are given long lectures on how to avoid giving any offence to Libyans and are invited to ask questions.

Base authorities are proud that their indoctrination programme has been effective enough to avoid almost entirely friction at a personal level.

IMMEDIATE TARGET

But the Wheelus base faces the problem of growing anti-Arab sentiment here as Arab nationalist emotions are aroused by such actions as the Egyptian nationalisation of the Suez Canal.

Criticism of the United States has not been as strong as that of Britain and France, but there is still considerable resentment that the United States has not taken a more pro-Arab stand.

Some Americans here fear that if anti-Western feelings were to reach boiling point, the Wheelus base would be an immediate target—China Mail Special.

World's Greatest Ballerina



Described as the world's greatest ballerina, Galina Ulanova, of the Moscow Bolshoi Ballet, seen dancing Giselle, partnered by Yuri Zhdanov as Albrecht. Ulanova will dance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in the Bolshoi company makes its planned trip to London.—Reuters photo.

RADIUM FOUND IN CITY DUMP

Ankara, Sept. 27.
A tiny piece of radium worth 500,000 Turkish lira (about £62,500 sterling) which was lost recently at the Gulhane Medical Academy here, has been found at the city's rubbish heap after a frantic search.

At once, the authorities started a search. Nothing was found. The building was condemned off and the Institute of Metal Research asked to help.

But even the geiger counter failed to find the radium—until someone suggested taking it to the city's rubbish dump.

After some hours of search, the radium was found lying among the litter.—China Mail Special.

NZ STEPS UP CAMPAIGN TO CATCH DRUNKEN MOTORISTS

Wellington, Sept. 27.
Police patrols in radio-equipped cars are now being put on New Zealand roads in an effort to eliminate the incidence of motorists driving under the influence of drink.

The move is part of the nationwide campaign to make the country's roads safer. The patrols will operate at irregular periods, and particularly over the week-ends.

They will cover especially the roads and areas not normally frequented by traffic inspectors or other police patrols. Particular attention will be paid to roads in which hotels are situated.

Experiment

An experiment over a three-day holiday in the Wellington, Waikarapa and Manawatu districts produced one intoxicated driver, two car overturns, two cases of dangerous driving, 13 of drinking liquor near a dance hall and one case of a publican permitting drunkenness.

In addition, a number of people found in an intoxicated condition on licensed premises were ordered off.

In country areas, police patrols will be working in close conjunction with transport department officers, who operate outside the city boundaries.

Their particular sphere of activity embraces the erring motorists on the open road.

A stretch of highway, about 180 miles in length, on the east coast of the North Island, is at present being used as "Guinea Pig Highway".

Here, the Transport Department officers check and report on misdemeanours. They experiment with "radar cops" to trap the speedster, and take photographs from their cars of breaches of the law against which argument can prove of little avail.

Insignificant Cars

Nor is the familiar black sedan or coupe with the transport board emblem on the side a go-ahead sign to break the rules of the road as it moves out of sight. The Transport Department uses plain-clothes officers travelling in insignificant coloured cars.

NZ HOSTS TO COLOMBO PLAN CONFERENCE

Wellington, Sept. 27.
New Zealand will play host to her first major international conference, the meeting of delegates from countries linked by the Colombo Plan, at the end of this year.

The Conference will bring to the Dominion delegates from 17 countries and representatives of the administrations of four British territories.

Ses sions will be held in the chambers formerly occupied by the Legislative Council.

The official language will be English, but three of the participating countries, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, will speak in French. The lack of translation will be undertaken by a woman expert from Australia who has had experience with the South Pacific Commission.

PRIVATE ROOMS

Members of Parliament have agreed to make their private rooms available for the visitors.

The first group of officials for the conference will arrive on November 5. They will study the draft of the year's progress report to be presented to the Ministers.

After the conference, delegates will be taken on a quick tour of New Zealand to see some of her beauty spots and study economic development, with emphasis on agricultural research, serial top-dressing and hydro-electric stations.—China Mail Special.

ROWNTREES



FROZEN STRAWBERRIES TODAY



...this situation calls for a

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By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARE PRICES MOVE UP AGAIN

Suez Dispute Still A Restraining Influence

THREE DIVIDENDS

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange registered another small gain this week when share prices rose under the impetus of a slight improvement in the Suez Canal situation and some good company news.

Turnover was up from \$2.75 million in the previous week (less a half-day for the Mid-Autumn Festival) to \$4.348 million which was the highest turnover for five weeks.

Prices generally closed below maintained its steadiness because of the weakness of market was dull and uncertain. Traders think the pound may be deviated. The observers recalled that the last time the pound was deviated, market values rose by about 10 per cent.

It is not doubt that Chinese banks have been discussing the stability of devaluation, but I think the course must unlikely because there has been nothing from London to suggest such a drastic course.

The present British Government will be supported by sterling on every occasion that it has flagged by keeping a tight rein on the bank rate. The last time the rate went up because of a domestic economic crisis was on February 16 this year, when it was pushed up one per cent to 5½ per cent.

"Signs of a slight improvement in sentiment at the beginning of the week caused prices to harden fractionally in most sections but this movement lacked any real follow-through and only a few counters have made continued headway."

However, the undoubted remains fairly steady."

There have been some good features: the Dairy Farm 52-cent interim (unchanged) appeared to please the market and Farms closed 50 cents higher. New York has been erratic and closed with further losses.

Looking quickly at the market, Banks are holding steady at \$1,030 while Unions have lost \$5 on small-scale liquidation.

Blue Chips Gain

Investment companies reflect the better tone in the market with both Allied and Yangtze fractionally better after several weeks of standstill.

The land section is quiet, with Hongkong Hotels up fractionally and Lands 50 cents off after their \$1 rise last week.

Blue Chip made some good gains on Monday. They close below their best but still higher on the week. One exception.

Electric closed 25 cents lower, after opening yesterday at \$11½. Telephones are 10 cents higher, and the two Lights and Trams 30 cents higher. Both Star and Yaumati have made gains.

Green Island Cement is holding up well at \$37.

Diary Of The Week

Here is a diary of the week:

Friday: A number of shares show fractional gains. T/O: \$850,000.

Monday: More cheerful tone. Fresh gains. T/O: \$1,100,000.

Tuesday: Prices fluctuate within narrow limits. T/O: \$1,200,000.

Wednesday: Steady and dull market with a few shares firmer. T/O: \$338,000.

Thursday: Dull conditions and price movements few and small. T/O: \$800,000.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Sept. 27.

Closing rates were:

Canada official \$1.02-3/16

England official 2.07-2/2

30-day futures 2.773½

30-day futures 2.70-11/16

Australia 2.57-3/16

South Africa 2.75-11/16

Belgium 2.020-15/10

Denmark 2.028-15/10

France 2.238-15/10

Germany 2.238-15/10

Holland 2.013-15/10

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Sept. 27.

Closing rates were:

Montreal 2.22-3/22

Brussels 1.89-22½-132 27½

Copenhagen 1.83-22½-132 27½

Paris 1.74-22½-132 27½

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

New York, Sept. 27.

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 8.25

Australian dollar (per £1) 8.25

Australasian notes (per £1) 8.25

Indonesian rupiah (per £1) 18.75

Painau (per £100) 18.75

Singapore (Straits) 87.45

—United Press.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Aus 29	Sept 6	Sept 13	Sept 20	Sept 27	Up or down
HK Banks	107½	1040m	1030	1030	1030	steady
Lamson	45m	425	43m	43d	42½b	steady
Union	900b	1000b	1000b	1010	1005m	-35
Underwriters	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	steady
Union W'boat	23.70b	23.70b	23.80n	23.80	23.00b	-200
Wheeldicks	8.86	8.85	8.70	8.85m	8.16	+200
HK Wharf	80b	80b	91	91	93b	+82
HK Banks	41½	41½n	41	41½b	43½	+82
Provident	14	13.80b	13.60	13.80	13.90b	+100
HK Hotels	15.60	16.30	15	15.80	15.40b	+100
HK Lands	68	67½	66½	65½mxd	65	-500
Humphreys	20	20s	20s	20s	20s	steady
HK Realty	1.475m	1.425m	1.45s	1.45n	1.45s	steady
HK Trens	24.20	23.40xd	23.40	23.40	23.70m	+30c
Nar Ferry	135	134b	136	135n	139	+84
Yankee	110	109	107	110	111	+31
Ch Lights (o)	24½	24½	24.20	24.50	24.80	+300
Ch Lights (n)	21.80	21.70b	21.60	21.90	22.10	+300
Electra	32	31½	30½	31½	31½	-25c
HK Telephone	26.30	25m	24½	24.80	24.90	+10c
C.I. Cement	36s	36½	36½	37	37	steady
Dairy Farm	16.20m	16	15½	16.20	16.20	+50c
A.S. Watson	12.70m	12.60m	12.45m	12.90	13.90	+81
Jane Crawford	20.40m	20.60s	20.60s	20.60m	20.60m	steady
Vinylase	6.60b	6.70	6.80s	6.70m	6.80m	+10c
Allied	5b	5.10s	4.90m	5	5	+10c
HK & FE Inv	10.00n	10.60s	10.60m	10.60n	10.50s	steady
Textile Corp	4.40n	4.20b	4.40	4.40b	4.40	+10c
Nanyang	7.40m	7.45n	7.30	7.25b	7.40	+15c

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business don't on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$125,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions.

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales

BANKS 1025 1030 100-1030

INSURANCES 1000 1010 100-1010

Lombard 45 45 45-45

SHIPPING 9 9.20 1000-1000

DOCKS, ETC. 101 104½ 104½-104½

Docks 45 45 45-45

LAND, ETC. 13.00 13.00 13.00-13.00

HK Hotel 15 15 15-15

HK Land 15 15 15-15

Unicross 20 20 20-20

RUBBER Analis 1.475 1.50 1.50-1.50

Trans 1.02½ 1.00 1.00-1.00

UTILITIES 23.00 23.00 24.00-23.00

Star Ferry 100 100 100-100

Yanmai 100 111 100-111

C. Electric (10) 24.00 24.50 24.00-24.50

C. Light (1040) 24 24 24

Electric 31 31 31-31

(N) 24.70 25 25-25

INDUSTRIALS 23.00 23.00 24.00-23.00

Rope 1000 1000 1000-1000

STORES, ETC. 10 10 10-10

Unicross 13½ 13½ 13½-13½

COTTONS 4½ 4½ 4½-4½

Textiles 4½ 4½ 4½-4½

Ningyao 1.40 1.75 1.40-1.75

INVESTMENTS 0.70 0.70 0.70-0.70

VANCOUVER AIRLINES 4.00 5.50 4.00-5.50

New York Cotton Futures Trading Range Over \$1 Bale

New York, Sept. 27. Cotton futures today see-sawed indecisively over a range of \$1 a bale, responding to small orders either way while traders awaited new incentives.

At the close prices ruled up 1 to off 1 point. The market opened up 2 to off 1 point. Now Orange closed up 2 to off 4 points.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Oct. 33.12

Dec. 33.10

Mar. 33.03

Apr. 33.02

May 33.01

June 33.00

July 33.00

Aug. 33.00

Sept. 33.00

Oct. 33.00

Nov. 33.00

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1956.

SHEAFFER'S Skrip

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Dial 999—For A Day Of Trouble

ALFRED regards the world with sorrowing eyes as if he pitied it and longed to put it out of its misery.

He took his seat at his desk, with his hands clasped behind his head, and gazed thoughtfully into the distance, the distressing prospect of men and women obliged to entreat others for a living.

NO COMMENT

It would be some time before he could anything so tasteless as to provide himself with funds sufficient for another such excursion.

"Is there anything more you want to say?" Mr Powell asked him.

"Well, I think the magistrates will be satisfied with a statement I made to you this morning. I took my wife to pay a visit to a dental clinic."

"Quite right," Mr Powell said.

"What are the facts?" asked the learned clerk.

KEEP CALLING

"This morning a police officer had me get the car off. I went to the box and bought him there. He told me he wanted an ambulance, so I told nowhere to go."

"He didn't say 'call' over the telephone," said Mr Powell.

"No, sir, just 'call'."

So last month he was discharged unconditionally by the court for stealing half a pint of milk.

LITTLE CHATS

THE man who came to be the court's probation officer said, "Do you know this man?"

"Oh, yes, sir, we talk on the quite frequently. He goes home and makes me sad and we have a little of that when he goes."

"Does he do any work?"

"Oh, no, sir, he's a probation officer."

"I don't think it's natural for an probation officer to be found in him in an automobile."

"I don't think it's natural for an assistance probation officer to be found in him," the probation officer said.

"And I don't think it's natural for one of his wife taken in."

"He's got any relatives?"

"Yes. He goes and visits them from time to time, but he won't be with any of them."

DAY TRIP

THE magistrate thought for a moment, then turned to Alfred. "If I discharged you now, where would you go?" he asked.

"Straight to the Asylum Board," said Alfred. "Or I might even go to the Labour Exchange. I did some work three weeks ago, earned quite a bit—£7. I went on a day trip

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at H.M. Post Office, Hongkong, elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the GPO times can be ascertained.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally later than the times shown below. Particulars of the parcel mail can beascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

By Air
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
Portugal, 8 A.M.
Brazil, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8 p.m.

Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Philippines, Ceylon, Great Britain & Europe, 3 p.m.
Malaya, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Peking, Shanghai, Honkong, Kunming, Nanking, Canton, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Manchuria, S. Korea, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
New Zealand, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

By surface
China, People's Republic, 7 p.m.
Macau, 1 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Malaya, 2 p.m.

Indo-China, 3 p.m.
S. Korea, 4 p.m.
Thailand, 5 p.m.
Europe, 5 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Malay, 6 p.m.

Had 10 Children In A Car

Cheung Po-tak, a 38-year-old driver, of 83, Jaffe Road, charged with using a private car for the purpose of hire, was fined \$200 by Mr W. F. Pickering, Central Magistrate this morning.

Defendant pleaded not guilty through Mr Peter Mo of Peter Mo and Company, Divisional Inst. Ctr. of Traffic Division, Blackett prosecuted.

Cheung Po-tak, father of a 10-year-old boy of the True Light Middle School, Tai Hang Road, testified that the defendant took his son to school every morning at about 8.30 a.m. and brought him back at 4 p.m. He said that he did not reward the defendant with money, but only occasionally sent him a gift.

Inspector E. Blackett told Court that he saw the defendant driving his car along Leighton Road on September 26. There were ten children inside the car.

Inspector Blackett said that it was a serious and dangerous offence.

Radio Hongkong

H.R.T. 2 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.05. Stock Market Report, 6.10. Studio Programme for Children presented by Valerie Popovitch, 6.15. Minutiae of Johann Strauss Played by the Columbia Symphony Orchestra, 6.45. Talking About Books—Mrs Vlack discusses "Seven Centuries of Popular Song" by Reginald Nettel. 7.00. "The Story of Poetry" by Tom Ingram & Douglas Newton, pub. Constable; 7.05. Time Signal, Music Lovers' Hour—Classical Requests, 7.10. Asian Club, 10.20. Variety Highlights, 10.50. Weather Report, 11.15. Goodnight Music; 11.30. Come Back.

REDFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls, 1.30. Studio Programme in Music, 1.35. Time and Romances of the World—Louis XIV, 4.15. Tea for Two, 4.30. Sammy Kaye Show, 5. Children's Corner—Treasure Island—Madame Tussauds, 6.20. Record Parade, 7. Personality Parade—Robert Maxwell, 7.15. Showtime Special, 7.30. Come Time, 7.45. The Final Year—The Story of a Mother's Courage, 8. Time Signal and the News, 8.00. Weather Report, Announcements and Industrial News, 8.15. Finest—Main American Music, 8.30. Music for You—Played by Franklin Carle and His Orchestra, 9. Symphony Hall—Horn Concerto, 10.15. Mozart's "Kegelstatt" Opus 117 (Mozart), Sonatas in F Minor, K. 417, "Appassionata" (Beethoven), "Concerto Grossa for String Orchestra," 10.20. Bedtime Stories—Interview with Mr. A. de O. Soles, 10.30. Canadian Showcase of Popular Music, 10.35. "A Series of Episodes" concerning the life of David Alexander Bille, written by Godfrey Harrison, 11. Date with Dreamland, 11.30. Prelude to Midnight, 12. Midnight.

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Showtime Special, 7.30. Come Time, 7.45. The Final Year—The Story of a Mother's Courage, 8. Time Signal and the News, 8.00. Weather Report, Announcements and Industrial News, 8.15. Finest—Main American Music, 8.30. Music for You—Played by Franklin Carle and His Orchestra, 9. Symphony Hall—Horn Concerto, 10.15. Mozart's "Kegelstatt" Opus 117 (Mozart), Sonatas in F Minor, K. 417, "Appassionata" (Beethoven), "Concerto Grossa for String Orchestra," 10.20. Bedtime Stories—Interview with Mr. A. de O. Soles, 10.30. Canadian Showcase of Popular Music, 10.35. "A Series of Episodes" concerning the life of David Alexander Bille, written by Godfrey Harrison, 11. Date with Dreamland, 11.30. Prelude to Midnight, 12. Midnight.

China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

Marine, 6 p.m.

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